

# Van Meter

## News

**NOVEMBER 2017**  
**Happy Veterans Day!**

### Elected Officials:

**Mayor**-Allan Adams

### Council-

-Kim Sacker,

Mayor Pro Tem

- Adam Lamoureux

-Lyn Lyon

-Mike Peterson

-Owen Stump

### City Staff:

Jake Anderson-

City Administrator

Liz Thompson-Clerk

Dave Herman-

Public Works

Michael Abbott -

Public Works

Suzanne Lindaman-

Librarian

Library 515-996-2435

Bill Daggett-

Chief of Police

Craig Greer-Police Officer

Jon Bruen-Fire Chief

Dallas County

Non-emergency -

515-993-4567

City Hall—515-996-2644

Library—515-996-2453

## LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX

On November 7, 2017 an election will be held in Dallas County to vote on the question of imposition of a local sales and service tax (LOSST) at the rate of 1%. This election will be held in conjunction with the Regular City Election. All eligible electors of Dallas County will vote (rural & city). The proposal to be voted upon at that election will include the following information:

Type of tax: 1% Local Sales and Service Tax

The following information will appear on the ballot for the City of Van Meter:

In the **City of Van Meter**, revenue is to be used: 25% for property tax relief. The specific purpose for which the revenues shall otherwise be expended is 75% for any lawful purpose of the City, including but not limited to: Water, sewer, and street infrastructure. Curb, gutter and other storm water projects. Parks and Trails. Recreation, library, and public safety facilities to be effective on July 1, 2018.

## COUNCIL CANDIDATES



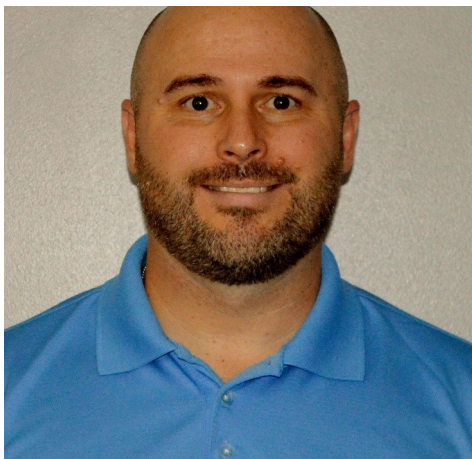
**JON BRUEN**

I moved to Van Meter 21 years ago. I fell in love with the town and the people. In my time here I met my wife, had my children and forged friendships that will last forever. I am proud to say that I have served as a volunteer firefighter for all of these 21 years. Through training and hard work I have worked my way up through the ranks of the department. Today I can proudly say

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I am your Fire Chief. I feel there is no greater calling than helping my fellow man. With this in mind, I have decided to run for city council. We live in a growing community and I would like to help with the direction of this growth. With Waukee, West Des Moines and the other communities around us expanding, I feel we need to look to the future and where we as a city fit in. I believe we need to continue to look at annexation and bringing more business to our town.

Your vote on November 7th is appreciated!



### ADAM COYLE

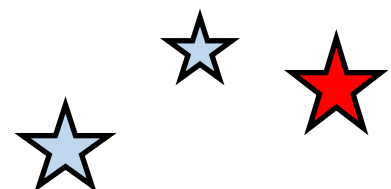
I am running because I truly love our community and the people in it. I want to help prepare and lead our community towards a better future. A future that is financially sound and spends taxpayer dollars wisely, a future that is prepared for and seeks out responsible growth, a future that values it's most important assets (citizens, employees and volunteers), and a future that continually strives to improve our public infrastructure and the quality of life for ALL citizens.

My beautiful bride Mindy and I have three children- Alissa, Hunter and Trevor and we have lived in Van Meter for about 8 years now. I work at the City of West Des Moines as a Community Compliance Specialist where I protect property values through the education and enforcement of City ordinances. I have extensive work experience in real estate, property management, and operations management. I served in the United States Marine Corps and afterwards in the Army National Guard. Locally, I have served on the City Council, am a member of American Legion Post 403 and I represent Van Meter on the Dallas County Local Housing Trust Fund Board. I have also helped coach my kids youth sports teams, have served in leadership roles on several boards or committees and have served many years as a youth leader at our church.

Walking door to door, I have been asked questions regarding some of the citizens current concerns. I promise to thoroughly research your concerns and make sure that I work for what is best for the majority of Van Meter taxpayers. Please reach out to me via phone, text or email with any of your questions about where I stand on any issues that are important to you.

Van Meter really does have a lot to be proud of and thankful for. We are a growing community, we have amazing people and we have a really bright future...I would be honored to have your vote on November 7th!

Adam Coyle  
515-210-8282  
acoyle.vm@gmail.com





## BOB LACY

My wife, Nancy, and I live at 404 Grant Street. We have had our business here in Van Meter, Bob's Auto Parts, for over thirty years. We have six children, 12 grandchildren and one great grandson.

I have served the City of Van Meter over the years in many capacities. I served on the Fire Rescue Department for many years, five as Chief. I served on the City Council for twelve years and was on the Van Meter Sports Complex Board of Directors and helped facilitate transfer of the complex to the City.

The City has taken some important steps to improve our drinking water but now we have to make sure they follow through. I know not everyone is excited about higher water rates but as a community we save money when we work together.

Currently we all have our own water filters, water softeners, reverse osmosis systems, etc., but if the City

would treat the water then individually we shouldn't have to spend as much to treat the water in our homes and we wouldn't have to replace appliances as often. BUT...

We do need to get our water rates under control. We can do that by supporting the local option sales tax. The City can use those funds to offset the cost of the water treatment plant. Most of us go to West Des Moines and Waukee to shop and if, they adopt the local option sales tax and we don't, then we will pay the tax and none of those funds will come home to benefit Van Meter. We just as well see a part of that money come home and help with the water treatment plant.

Another way we can get our water rates under control is by leveraging the growth of our community. The more people we have paying water rates the easier it is on all of us. As Crestview fills out, we need to be ready to work with property owners, developers, citizens, and other stakeholders to open another housing development. As that occurs we need to be careful to preserve our small-town character which is why many of live here in the first place.

As a prior city councilman, I feel I have much to contribute and I think I can be an asset to the process of prudent fiscal management and provide the leadership our city needs to move forward.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at home 996-2867. I would appreciate your support. Please vote for me on November 7 for Van Meter City Council.



**Registering to Vote on Election Day In Iowa**, you are able to register to vote and cast a vote on any election day. You need to be prepared to bring the following; Proof of Identity – MUST include a photo ID and it cannot be expired. We need to know that you are who you say you are.

**For more information about the 2017 Regular City Election contact the Dallas County Auditor's office at 515-993-6914 or at [www.co.dallas.ia.us/government/auditor/elections](http://www.co.dallas.ia.us/government/auditor/elections) .**





## JOE HERMAN

I have been married to my wife Leslie for 26 years. Both of us were born and raised in the Van Meter community. After college we lived in Des Moines, but chose to move back to Van Meter so that our children could also grow up in a small town. We have three children: Julia, a high school senior; Maya, an eighth grader; and Jameson, a fifth grader. We are active members at the Van Meter United Methodist Church.

Community development is important to me. I was heavily involved in the fundraising efforts and construction of the American Legion Post 403 Veterans Reception Center, and continue to volunteer my time to support that building. I currently serve on the Van Meter Planning & Zoning Committee, as well as the Van Meter Library Foundation. Recently I joined the Van Meter School Facilities Committee, which reviews current and future building needs for our school.

For 17 years I have worked in commercial construction as a field superintendent, and currently work for Edge Commercial. This business experience has made me aware of the infrastructure needs in our community.

I am proud of our small town, and would like to be a part of seeing quality-of-life improvements to make it even better. I support the new water treatment facility, economic growth, community revitalization, and improved parks & trails. I also value strong relationships between the city and school.

It would be an honor to serve as a council member. Please vote November 7<sup>th</sup>.



## STEVE MEYER

I have lived in the Van Meter community since 2002. I have a son, Jake, and daughter, Nicole. Jake graduated

from Van Meter in 2009 and Nicole in 2015. I graduated with my BS from Iowa State University in 1981.

For nearly 20 years now I have worked as an independent crop insurance agent serving the Van Meter area and also statewide. In 2013 my son Jake graduated from Iowa State University and started working with me.

I am running to be more involved with the decisions concerning the future growth of our community. I am a conservative and feel that increasing our taxes is not necessarily the best way for Van Meter to take a

step in the right direction. I'm against the use of tax abatement when it comes to new housing development. I feel that with the surrounding communities growing as fast as they are, along with our great school, it provides more than enough incentive for people to move to our community. After all, that's what lured me and my family to Van Meter 15 years ago.

If you want a more conservative approach to spending your hard earned tax dollars in our community as it continues to grow, I'd love to have your vote.







## MIKE PETERSON

My name is Michael Peterson and I am running for City Council.

In 2008, I married my high school sweetheart at the Van Meter United Methodist Church. My wife, Stacy, a life long resident of Van Meter, who many of you might know by her maiden name Stacy McNace, teaches at our wonderful school.

We bought our home in 2009 and have loved living here ever since.

We have one child, Christopher, our fun loving son that most of you have

met, even if you didn't know it.

I have proudly served the City of Van Meter through the Fire Department, Emergency Medical Service and Police Department, volunteering countless hours.

I have worked for the Iowa Department of Corrections for two years. Professionally, I have made it my career to protect the citizens in our beautiful sate.

Growing up an Army brat and moving around a lot, I never truly had a real hometown so I have adopted Van Meter as mine. I care about Van Meter and want to ensure that the qualities that make our town unique and special are preserved.

Elected officials have a direct impact on each citizen, often more so than understood, especially at the city level. It is the duty of each elected official to do what is truly best for the community, not merely self-service.

I think Van Meter is a great place to live and raise a family. I want to help our community continue to grow and thrive by making positive improvements. We have a unique opportunity to live in a small town on the outskirts of an urban area. We should work hard to improve our community without losing the traditions of our beautiful small town, which draw people to Van Meter.

As an experienced manager, I know I will continue to do a good job representing Van Meter as an elected official.

I believe that we need to maintain professionalism and decorum on the council and that our elected officials should truly act as the servants of the public they swore to be. I will do my best to continue listen to your ideas and opinions and, with your help, make the best choices to allow our community to prosper. I would appreciate your vote on Tuesday, November 7th.



# EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!

**Vote at the Veterans Reception Center**

**910 Main Street, Van Meter**

**Polls will be open on Tuesday,**

**November 7th, from 7a - 8p**



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to register to become  
a vendor

The Van Meter Winter Market is an amazing event where shoppers and vendors can share a love of food, art, craft and other miscellaneous items.

**FEATURING:** homemade crafters, bakers, jewelers, pottery, metal work, hand crafted wood items, and many unique gift ideas.



The Van Meter  
Fire Department  
will hold their  
Fundraising Chili  
Feed and, Santa  
will arrive for the  
kids!

